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Navy Yard Gosport 14th Septemb 1813

Presuming you would not think me
troublesome in making the favor of your opinion with
respect to Captain Tarbell's Command, and that of
my own, Understanding from him this morning
that the whole Command of the flotilla exclusively
devolved on him, and that he did not consider
had any authority to dictate, from a late Order he
had received from the Department to that effect

In my instructions from the Secretary
of the Navy Paul Hammett Esq. dated Washington
10th of August 1812 I was directed to proceed to this place
there assume Command of the Navy Yard and the
Gun Boats on the Norfolk Station, from that Order
have considered myself fully Authorized and it has
not been revoked, which I have taken the liberty of
requesting your decision thereon

I have the honor to be
Sir your O^b Serv^t
John Casper

Wm Jones